

**Audre Lorde to Howard Zinn Library**  
**Meeting Agenda**  
**Monday, November 21, 7:30pm**  
Facilitators: Myrna M. & Stacie W.

1. Introductions & choose timekeeper (Angela) & minutes-taker (Heather) [10 min]  
Stacie, TerraNova, Susie, Myrna, John, Phil, Heather, Angela, Anna R
2. Introduction to the library - if necessary [5 min]

**Longterm/Emergency Planning:**

-Identify librarians who will be in Boston during this weekend  
Don't know what the camp is going to look like over the weekend. Unlikely to be a raid because we have the injunction with the court date that keeps us safe until Dec. 2.  
John's going to be going home for the holiday, so if you're around, the library could use your help.

-update on LibraryThing - Myrna sent an email to folks at Library Thing to ask them to come out with scanners. Also, to find out when we can have them come out.

-Legal:

a) Civil Disobedience Training - Terranova sent around workshops. Chris Glass might have gone to one. We'll ask him if he can report back.

Related to civil disobedience.

People are being asked to sign affidavits (this is being contested, because signing prohibits return to dewey sq). The affidavit means they won't push anyone off camp. if court orders that everyone has to leave, then you will comply. (if you sign this affidavit.) This is about repeat actions of civil disobedience. If you sign the affidavit, and then participate in civil disobedience, you are subject fines.

What are the consequences of misdemeanor charges for those with student loans? probably none, but we recognize that some folks have additional reasons for being cautious about attracting police attention through civil disobedience, etc.

b) Property over books - Rebecca is working on a book plate stamp for the books. She offered to purchase it, so we can get our names on the books.

Related to Zines - maybe put them together as materials that must be preserved, so they are in the first box that goes out in the event of a raid. (Stacie is working on a finding aid for this that will be put up on google docs)

c) Lawyer/Legal visit to our meeting - Rebecca reached to legal and seemed like they might be able to come tonight (they aren't here yet, but maybe they'll during the course of the course of the meeting). Legal didn't make it to this meeting,

maybe next time.

### **Update on Occupy Boston summit**

Any librarians in attendance? Thoughts? Concerns?

Thoughts:

Good introduction to brainstorming. Thoughts, ideals, abstracts.

Wonder what's going to happen with all the ideas generated during the summit.

Answer: all will be typed up and posted on a wiki page. The planners are meeting tomorrow to debrief and then will have more of an idea of a timeline for this.

Opportunity to build community with folks who have been part of greater Boston Community organizers. Collaborative thinking - worked towards building good outcome from disagreements. Topics included occupying the library, closed schools, ways to become more involved in the occupy movement.

One idea mentioned was the idea of post-disencampment, have some sort of museum or memorial stay on this site. Some folks thought that it should be the library that stays.

The summit was intended to pull people back from these big questions. Some working groups felt that large group decision-making had become difficult and wasn't happening well. There are still important next steps that need to happen. Should the summit process be repeated? Should it evolve? Should another summit happen with more people involved in the planning?

The intent of the summit was to harvest, distill and collect group ideas rather than making decisions.

One good thing about the summit is that it allowed everyone a voice because of the small group sessions. It was easier to communicate than at GA's.

Still had folks who didn't listen to what the process was, and pitched their own ideas rather than representing the opinion of the group. Was a good way to see how diverse the different ideas of the people who connect with the 99% can be and how difficult it will necessarily be for those people to reach a consensus on anything.

Are there other occupiers who have done this?

Not that we know of, but there were folks from other occupiers that came to this summit. Summit came out of the discussion of the anti-oppression working group. People who were feeling marginalized needed something to bring them back into the space.

Some came to the summit with the expectation that consensus would be found during the time there, and that they would find something that people agreed on. It didn't really

happen that way.

### **Library Vision & Mission Statement [10 min]**

Myrna and Rebecca will hone the Vision Statement that Alana started. Myrna is collecting responses from the email she sent out about what story we want to be remembered about this.

She will bring the feedback together after Wednesday, and weave them together for a summarized statement. She'll bring this statement to the next meeting, along with the raw responses.

1. Visioning/ re-envisioning the library
2. Vision document update: Myrna & Rebecca

### **Circulation/Collection Questions [10 min]**

Seems to be a lot of people trying to better understand more permanent occupation, housing and co-ops. Questions will come up about this. (Susie will send these folks to Heather. Heather will share resources with the group.)

Reference

-Periodicals

-Fiction/Classics

-Circulation - Zines circulate; if there are more than 2 copies it's okay to take one.

We talked a bit about weeding and evaluation of resources.

### **Library working group announcements at GA [5 min]**

John lost his space for his personal tent, so now he sleeps in the library tent regularly.

Women's caucus should have a tent sent up this week. Women only.

This weekend Angela is interested in spending a couple of nights at the camp. (Women's caucus and community resources tent may be available.)

Might be a good idea for the library to make announcements at general assembly more often. Be creative with finding someone to do this and what they might talk about.

John is still interested in a writing workshops. Alana expressed interest in this as well. Ren Gender (<-not sure if I have this name right?) & another woman are currently doing some writing workshops for campers.

Angela was considering reaching out to area instructors to ask if they'd be interest in conducting workshops. Susie mentioned 826 might also be willing to take this on. There was a writer's workshop that was supposed to happen this week, that they mentioned about at the student GA.

Distributed march December 3rd. - Not really a march, but a larger scale presence around the city. Everyone is within eye distance of each other (like within a block). So

we're occupying a much larger area and all doing our own sort of outreach. Everyone is occupying a city area. This might be a good opportunity to provide street/mobile reference. **Needs a point person.**

Sunday the 4th is the woman's caucus march. Will also have spoken word and music afterward. March for the women of occupy (and male allies).

### **A-Z Library Archive [10 min]**

- Boston Occupier?

- Milestones

Kristin will bring updated minutes to the tent.

[Documenting Occupy Boston series](#) - Kristin (through Stacie) asked that we should be looking for materials related to the October 11th arrests, large marches, direct actions, occupy boston summit, ob declaring solidarity with OTH, Declaration of safety. Especially anything from the December 1st hearing. Ideas for types of information to collect: Screen capture, internet archive, fliers, photos related to that. Tweets, photos, etc.

Feel free to add anything you find to help enrich the archive!

There was artwork created during the summit. It's currently with Susie as a documented object of Occupy. She'll get with Kristin and think about what to do with large objects. (Recommended to talk to Eric and Renee in logistics. There might be space available there to store larger objects.)

We decided that we'd each hang on to these objects now. Take pictures of them (300 dpi), as we figure out what we'll be doing with this stuff

Stacie mentioned tumblr as an option for displaying this stuff. This could be something we use and promote even short term.

### **Technology/Communication Issues [10 min]**

- Update on twitter and SMS (tabled until next time)

- Update on laptop, printers

Heather is going to coordinate giving it to Kristin for now. (we're working on this - h.)

### **Programming**

- Anything scheduled? Planned? Suggestions?

Kristin found a new reference volunteer and she's meeting with him.

Ingrid/FSU will be conducting a workshop about writing about Occupy Boston

### **Announcements:**

**Choose facilitator for next meeting: heather & anna r.  
text john when we know what the date is.**